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preface show that his interest is largely philosophical, yet it is plain that he believes philosophy and theology should once more go hand in hand, as in the days of Gregory. The book is well written, and shows adequate acquaintance with the subjects treated. A convenient appendix gives, in tabular view, a number of parallels between the teaching of Gregory and that of other ancient philosophers.—J. WINTHROP PLATNER.

*The Growth of Christianity.* By Joseph Henry Crooker. (Chicago : Western Unitarian Sunday-School Society, 1897; pp. 241; paper, \$0.30; cloth, \$0.50.) This manual of church history for the use of "the older classes" of the Sunday school is written from the Unitarian, naturalistic point of view. It sweeps over the entire field of the history of the church, necessarily handles every topic in the most cursory manner, is too recondite to attract the youthful mind, and, by its rejection of the supernatural in the religion of Christ, repels the "general reader," who sees vastly more in Christianity than the author has been able to discover.—ERI B. HULBERT.

*A Short History of the Italian Waldenses*, who have inhabited the valleys of the Cottian Alps from ancient times to the present. By Sophia Bompiani. (New York : H. S. Barnes & Co.; London : Hodder & Stoughton, 1897; pp. 175; cloth, \$1.) The threefold object of this little book is to bring together what can be said for the antiquity of the Waldenses, to portray the persecutions that they endured, and to show the present status of the sect. The Waldenses obstinately reject the theory that Peter Waldo was their founder. They do not claim documentary evidence for an existence previous to his time, but they lay much stress upon "the traditions and conviction of an ancient race fixed for centuries in the same locality, and the rare traces of them found in the writings of their enemies."

The author writes with the zeal of an advocate, but her story cannot fail to awaken interest and sympathy wherever it shall be read.—J. W. MONCRIEF.

*Die Reformation als Kulturkampf.* Von F. Rahlwes, Pastor an St. Ulrici in Braunschweig. (Braunschweig : C. A. Schwetschke und Sohn, 1897; pp. 80, 8vo.) This excellent little pamphlet is the elaboration of a lecture. Its thesis is that the great creation of Luther is not the Lutheran church, but the Protestant spirit. The Lutheran